

## Editorial

### Easter Thoughts From The Book

Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

And they remembered his words,

And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live. He that believeth in me shall never die.

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore. Because I live ye shall live also.

### A Great and Good Man

A tone of universal regret and sorrow marked the comments of the press last week upon the death of ex president Harrison. A man of solid merit, honest, patriotic, wise, able, Christian, his death is a great loss to our country. It is frequently remarked that his influence had grown steadily in later years, and was greater at the time of his death than ever before. We were particularly struck with this state-

ment. So often it happens that great men suffer an eclipse during the years of decline and old age. Now and then we hear it said of some distinguished man, some leader in the political or religious world: It would have been better for his fame if he had died earlier. It is sad to see a great man dim the last days of his life with an un wisdom from which his experience ought to have saved him. Often it is due to failing faculties which yield to the weight of many years. What a grand picture, on the other hand, is a man growing larger, more influential, wiser, better, stronger, sweeter in temper, more beautiful in character, right up to the day of his departure. Blessed is the evening of such a life, grand, calm sun setting in a cloudless sky, bathed in glory. Blessed and beautiful are the last days of the self conqueror, who in the long struggle of the years has trampled upon that which was worse in him, and saved that which was best in him, saved and strengthened it, building to the last the intellectual and the spiritual upon the failing physical. It is to such beautiful old age that we can truly say, "Behold, the kingdom of heaven is within you."

### This Thy Day

Every new day is a day of new opportunities and privileges. The coming and the going of a day is such a common thing that few indeed appreciate the fact that the bright and beautiful morning on which our eyes open every twenty-four hours brings with it an open door of usefulness into which we have never before entered. With the close of that day the door also closes and if we have failed to enter in it is an opportunity forever lost. Other opportunities may come to us, but that same opportunity will never again come to us as it came the first time, and if it should, having once rejected it, we have lost power and are less than ever prepared for its acceptance. God is continually passing little moments of time thru our hands and these moments make up the sum total of our life. Oh, how rich, how sweet, how beautiful for Christ and for the world could these lives of ours be if we could but learn to appreciate and grasp the thousand little things the days and moments bring with them. What is true of us as individuals is equally true of the church. Many indeed are the doors which the God of mercy has opened to us and which he has very pleadingly invited us to enter. Have we been wise and quick to accept these invitations as of the Father who has the riches of the worlds at his disposal? Have the borders of the Brethren church been extended according to our opportunities and abilities? The spiritual progress of our beloved Zion has not kept pace with our material prosperity. Would not a careful as well as prayerful consideration of the present state of the church stir within us that same feeling which moved David when he said, "Behold I dwell in a house of cedar while the Lord dwell in a tent." David realized that there was a want of harmony between the material and intellectual growth of the kingdom of which he was the head and the spiritual growth and development of the people. The latter had not kept pace with the former. Does not a similar state of affairs exist in the church today? The forward march of the kingdom of God has not been in harmony with the wonderful resources God has put at our command and which, by too many, have been laid hold upon for